# **Apologetics Resource List**

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Recommendations in each category are listed in order of simpler and more approachable to meatier and more complex.

Keep in mind that Emmaus Baptist Church does not endorse every word or viewpoint of every author. Rather, we believe that these works have valuable insights to offer. We believe our calling is to learn from even those Christians we disagree with, remembering that all truth is God's truth, faithfully testing everything we read according to the Scriptures and holding fast to what is good.

- "But test everything; hold fast what is good." (1 Thessalonians 5:21)
- "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth." (2 Timothy 2:15)
- The Bereans "...received the word with all eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see if these things were so." (Acts 17:11b)

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# General Questions: An Overview of the Evidence for Christianity as a Whole

- Confronting Christianity: 12 Hard Questions for the World's Largest Religion, by Rebecca McLaughlin (Student Version: 10 Questions Every Teen Should Ask and Answer about Christianity)
- <u>I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist</u>, by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek
- Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis
- Evidence That Demands a Verdict: Life-Changing Truth for a Skeptical World, by Josh McDowell

#### Does God Exist? Evidence for Christian Theism

- Mere Christianity, by C.S. Lewis
- <u>Taking Pascal's Wager</u>, by Michael Rota
- <u>Reasonable Faith</u>, by William Lane Craig (Student version: <u>On Guard: Defending Your Faith with Reason and Precision</u>)

#### The Church's Historical Legacy - Reckoning with the Good, the Bad, and the Ugly

 Bullies and Saints: An Honest Look at the Good and Evil of Christian History, by John Dickson

### Who Was Jesus, Really? Did He Rise from the Dead? Evidence for Resurrection

- More Than a Carpenter, by Josh McDowell
- The Case for Christ, by Lee Strobel
- The Resurrection of Jesus, by Michael Licona

# Where is God in my Pain? Why Do Bad Things Happen to Good People?

- A Grief Observed, by C.S. Lewis
- The Problem of Pain, by C.S. Lewis
- God, Freedom & Evil, by Alvin Plantinga

### Can I Trust the Bible? Does Scripture contradict itself? Evidence for Inerrancy

- I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist, by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek
- <u>Defending Inerrancy: Affirming the Accuracy of Scripture for a New Generation</u>, by Norman Geisler & William Roach

#### Science & Faith: Are Science & Faith Really in Conflict?

- I Don't Have Enough Faith to be an Atheist, by Norman Geisler and Frank Turek
- The Soul of Science: Christian Faith and Natural Philosophy, by Nancy Pearcey

#### Wolves in the Church: Church Hurt, Mental Health, Trauma, & Abuse

- Why I Still Believe: A Former Atheist's Reckoning with the Bad Reputation Christians Give a Good God, by Mary Jo Sharp
- Emotionally Healthy Spirituality: It's Impossible to Be Spiritually Mature, While Remaining Emotionally Immature, by Peter Scazzero
- Redeeming Power: Understanding Authority and Abuse in the Church, by Diane Langberg

# How to help my child struggling with doubts/questions and face secular culture?

- Mama Bear Apologetics™: Empowering Your Kids to Challenge Cultural Lies, by Hillary Morgan Ferrer
- Apologetics for a New Generation: A Biblical and Culturally Relevant Approach to Talking About God, by Sean McDowell
- <u>Faithfully Different: Regaining Biblical Clarity in a Secular Culture</u>, by Natasha Crain

# Can Christians be intellectual? A Christian posture towards cultural engagement

- A Curious Faith: The Questions God Asks, We Ask, and We Wish Someone Would Ask Us, by Lore Ferguson Wilbert
- Love Your God with All Your Mind: The Role of Reason in the Life of the Soul, by J.P. Moreland
- <u>Culture Making: Recovering Our Creative Calling</u>, by Andy Crouch